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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5730

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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF DISTURBANCES IN ZAIRE

REF: A) KINSHASA 5719; B) STATE 139774

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH GOZ FONMINISTRY STATE SECRETARY
IDZAMBUIR EVENING JUNE 2 AMBASSADOR INQUIRED ABOUT SECURITY
SITUATION IN HAUT ZAIRE. IDZUMBUIR STATED THAT CONTRARY TO REPORTS
BEING DISSEMINATED BY BELGIAN MEDIA, THERE IS NO REPEAT NO SECURITY
PROBLEM IN NORTHEAST. IDZUMBUIR ACKNOWLEDGED HOWEVER THAT SUDANESE
GOVERNMENT HAS CLOSED BORDER WITH ZAIRE. HE COULD SHED NO LIGHT
ON WHEHTER GOZ REQUESTED BORDER CLOSURE. THEN, CASTING SOME DOUBT
ON HIS OWN STATEMENTS THAT HAUT ZAIRE IS CALM, IDZUMBUIR SAID THAT
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THERE HAVE BEEN SOME MOVEMENTS OF ZAIRIAN TROOPS TO THAT REGION.
WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU FLEW TO BUNIA EARLY JUNE 3.

2. IN VIEW OF ANGRY REACTION OF ZAIRIAN PRESS TO BELGIAN MEDIA
REPORTS ABOUT HAUT ZAIRE SECURITY SITUATION AND IDZUMBUIR'S
HEATED CRITICISM OF GOB ON THIS SCORE, AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT RECRIMINATIONS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET OUT OF

HAND. IDZUMBUIR CRITICIZED GOB FOR ALLOWING "COLLABORATORS WITH MURDERS AT KOLWEZI" TO HAVE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED MEDIA IN BELGIUM AND SPREAD "FALSE REPORTS" ABOUT SECURITY SITUATION. AT SAME TIME IDZUMBUIR AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR THAT THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO GET INTO FRACAS WITH GOB OVER SUCH ISSUES AND SAID GOZ SOON PLANS TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE TO BRUSSELS TO GET BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BACK ON EVEN LEVEL.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS LEARNED BY RADIO FROM BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO (BAT) REPS AT BUNIA, THAT SITUATION IN BUNA WAS CALM JUNE 2.

4. DURING EVENING JUNE 2, THERE WAS MILITARY ALERT IN KINSYASA. LARGE NUMBERS OF ROADBLOCKS WERE THROWN UP BY ARMED FORCES THROUGHOUT CITY, AND CITY STREETS WERE PATROLLED BY ARMORED CARS AND HELMETED TROOPS IN AN UNUSUAL SHOW OF FORCE. THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISORDER AT UNIVERSITY WHICH REQUIRED CALLING IN GENDARMES OVER PAST FEW DAYS.

5. LARGE OF ROADBLOCKS ON ROAD FROM MATADI TO KINSHASA ADDS CREDENCE TO REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOZ MILITARY SOURCES THAT THERE IS TENSION IN BAS-ZAIRE. TOWNS WHERE TROUBLE REPORTEDLY EITHER HAS TAKEN PLACE OR IS ANTICIPATED ARE MATADI, BOMA, AND MBANZA-NGUNGU.

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6. CND SOURCES TELL US THAT SECURITY SITUATION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY EXCEPT FOR SHABA IS CALM.

7. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION THROUGH MISSIONARY RADIO NETWORK.

8. FOR BUJUMBURA: PLEASE INFORM BUKAVU CONCERNING THIS MESSAGE AND REFTELS. ASSUME CONSULATE WILL WISH OBTAIN THEM FROM YOU. CUTLER

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